

2014 MA Safe Jobs for Youth Poster Contest

Helpful Tips for Creating Your Poster

Your poster should be about the importance of workplace safety and health for teens. We are looking for teen-specific messages to share with other youth! Below are some tips to help you get started.

1) Develop an original slogan or message. What do you picture when you think about work safety? **Start with your own idea, or build on one of the ideas below:**

- Employers are responsible for providing a safe workplace and training on how work safely.
- Young workers shouldn't be afraid to ask for help; it is part of knowing how to do a job safely for workers of all ages.
- There are child labor laws that protect workers under age 18; it's important for everyone to know about them.
- Young workers need to know how to recognize hazards; tell a supervisor or co-worker if you see something unsafe in the workplace.
- Good supervisors and co-workers look out for the safety of other workers.
- Focus on a hazard that is common in teen workplaces, like hot surfaces (burns), slippery floors (falls), knives and other sharp tools (cuts), or heavy lifting (sprains).
- Safe jobs for youth can be promoted in any language—not just English!
- Go to www.mass.gov/dols/youth to learn more about other important job safety information.

2) When constructing your poster, **please remember:**

- **Do** check your spelling and grammar! Posters with errors cannot be used.
- **Do** use any media you choose to create your poster—pen & ink, original photos, paint, collage, computer graphics, etc.
- **Do not** use copyrighted material, including cartoon characters such as the Simpsons, Family Guy, Mickey Mouse, etc.

3) **View past winning contest posters** and full contest details online:

www.mass.gov/dph/ohsp/teenpostercontest

Good luck!